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## THE NEWS SCIMITAR

DAILY HOME HELPS



UNCLE WIGGILY SHOVELS SNOW.

BY HOWARD R. GARIS.

"Oh, not just to visit my friend, Mrs. Lengtall, the mouse lady, and her chli-dren. Jille and Jollie, and Squeakle-Fekie, the cousin mouse," spoke Nurse "Would you mind if I went away for a few days, Uncle Wiggiy" asked Nurse Jane Fursy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper of the bunny rabbit gentleman one morning.

#### A HOME MADE GRAY HAIR REMEDY

Gray Hair Remedy Than You Can Buy,

Gray atreaked or faded hair to not only unbecoming, but unnecessary. You

"Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home, at very little cost, that will darken gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. To a half pint of water add I ounce of bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and & ounce of gly-cerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at very little cost, or the drugglat will put it up for you.

#### **GREAT BELIEVER** IN BLACK-DRAUGHT

Oklahoma Lady Tells How Her Husband Believes in Black-Draught and Uses It for

Many Ailments.

It is splendid for malaria, headache constination (which usually causes stomach trouble, and we just keep it for these troubles. I don't know when

good and saved us many dollars. I use

It cleanses the liver better than any after taking a thorough course nature constipated condition that follows a lot of other active medicines. This is one thing I like especially about it."

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Jewelry Mfg. Co.

You Can't Brush Or Wash Out Dandruff

druff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

Do this tonight, and by morning most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no creamy lather, which rinses out easily, matter how much dandruff you may

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop at once, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel bundred times better.

You can get liquid arvon at any drug It is inexpensive and never fails adv. the family for months.

some.

"I'll leave plenty for you to cat." replied Nurse Jane, with a smile that
made her whiskers go tinkle-inkle.

And so it turned out. A day or so
after that Miss Fuzzy Wuxzy packed
her value and left the hollow stump
hungalow for a week-end visit with the
Longtail mouse family.

"My! I didn't think a place could be
so lonesome!" exclaimed Uncle Wig-

no lonesome! exclaimed Uncle Wig-gily, as he came back to the hollow stump bungalow after seeing Nurse Jane partly on her way. Well, I'll get something to eat, and that will help the lime to pass until Nurse Jane comes back."

hack."

So the bunny got out some of the nice things. Nurse Jane had left for him custard judding trimmed with lettuce, a turnip ple and carrot sauce sprinkled over the top, and some parenip turnovers with maple sugar ruffles around the edges. They were delictous.

ely enough you did!" laughed Wiggily "Come on in the bun-and have some carrot pie." And

WILL GIVE RECITAL.

Bitro-Phosphate will give you mail, steady increase of firm, healthy lesh each day. It supplies an essential substance to the brain and nerves in

occurs in the fiving cells of the body Bitro-Phosphate replaces nerve waste and creates new strength and energy. Sold by Washburn-Lyle in Memphis and most druggists under definite guar-antee of results or money back.

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Soap should be used very carefully, if

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The best thing for steady use is just

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is pure and greasless), and is better

than the most expensive soap or any-

One or two teaspoonfuls will cleanse

the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply

moisten the hair with water and rub b

removing every particle of dust, dirt dandruff and excessive oil. The hair

dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves

the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy

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THIN PEOPLE

whom Martin Beek is presenting at the Pppheum this week in a novel terpsi-hovean and musical offering, assisted by Wheeler Wadsworth, Mel Craig and William B. Taylor. "I want that to go mecord, finsists the dainty danseuse, "When the boys come home they will have been impoverished for amusement, Quite naturally they will turn to danc-ling as the most satisfying diversion, and the girls, too, who have cessed to dance the girls, too, who have ceased to dance since our hoys went away, will respond as enthusiastically. Dancing is the most natural thing in the world. It is the expression of youth. The spiritual system craves it and needs it as much as the physical. I look for an overwhelming revival of the dance when peace days come. e.
Jillie has been taking cooking less nt the hollow stump school, and
wants me to taste her toasted taste her toasted he Longfall family a little visit."

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little character you could be little character. "Go, by all means; you ought to have little change and rest," said Uncle Wiggily. "But I shall be very ione-

AMUSEMENTS

Loew's Lyceum,

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These who like music of the weird type, costumes that are gay and vivid dances that are out of the ordinary and presented by artists of the dancing world, will find much to entertain in the Whiriwind Gypeles "Night in a Romany Camp" which is featuring the first half bill at Loew's Lyceum. This act is representative of the big feature in John Barrymore's "Relemption," now playing in New York and is elaborately staged. Joe Lane and Pear! Harper in "The Man and the Manicure, are garnering many laughts with their clever repartee and songs, and William Cahill, the Irish comedian and singer, is a pieasing number on the program. Johnson, Baker and Johnson, in juggling, complete the bill. Dorothy Dalton in 'Quicksand' is the feature film star in a play portraying her in the role of a a play portraying her in the role of cabaret singer seeking a criminal.

"Bringing Up Father At Home," Gu Hill's latest happy musical comedy, with a story based upon George McManus famous cartoons, will be the attraction at the New Lyric theater Saturday and Sunday, with a daily malines. Like the other pieces of the series, it is "Jiggs" Mahoney, the retired Irish contractor, rich and pleasure loving, who keeps the fun pot boiling. A company, including a beauty chorus, even more brilliant than the hilarious organization that made the "Father" series renowned throughout the country, is accredited to the interpretation of "Bringing Un Father At Home," with this emphasis that most of its members are those identified with former successes of the McManus "Father" list, including Walter Vernou at the New Lyric theater Saturday an

#### Moving Pictures

Majestic No. 2. As Muggsy Mulane, a child of the streets of New York, who develops from a member of a gang of safecrackers into the belle of the village of Cottonville, Mae Murray runs the gamut of emotions in the portrayal of a difficult part in "Danger, Go Slow," at Majestic No. 2 today and Thursday.

The production is a typical Mae Murray offering and is enhanged by a story of more than usual strength and entertainment qualities. Thrilling scenes, starting climaxes, wholesome heart interest and an appealing love theme make the play one of the best screened this year.

sprinkled over the top, and some parasing turnovers with maple augar ruffles around the edges. They were delicious.

But Incle Wiggily couldn't eat all the while, nor did twinking his pink none make much fun for the lenesome rabbit gentleman.

"I wish Nurse Jane would come back," he said over and over again. But still he did not want to be selfah and spoil the muskrat lady's visits.

So the next day, when Uncle Wiggily hopped up and get his own breakfast he saw, as he looked upon the window, that it was snowing very hard.

"Hurray!" cried the bunny, "This will give me something to do to make the time pass! I'll shovel the snow. It will be lots of fun."

So he brought the shovel up from down cellar, and, after waiting for the snow to get quite deep out in front of the hollow stump bungalow, Mr. Long-cars started to work.

To and fro he swung the shovel, taking up big white chunks of the fluffy snow and toseing them to one side to clear the walk and make it easy for the animal folk to pass. For animal folk don't like to trainp through snow any more than they can help. You just watch your cat if ever she has to wade in the snow drifts, and see how she shakes her paws to make them warm.

So Uncle Wiggily shoveled the snow, and he had the walk almost clean when, all of a sudden, his shovel seemed to stick in, or under, a big lump of snow, and the shovel wouldn't move.

"Ha, ho! I must have stuck it too far down into a big drift, thought the hunny." It is more than I can lift. I'll take a smaller shovelful."

He tried to pull his shovel loose, but it would not come.

"This is queer!" said the bunny. "I never knew snow to be so heavy before. If it was ice, now, I could understand, but white, fluffy snow—it's very queer!" He looked at his shovel lu seemed to the handle in a soft, white lump of snow, and yet it was as hard and fast as if in the ice.

And then, all of a sudden, the shovel was snatched from Unole Wiggily." He looked at his shovel in was an auging like a piece of apple pie. "I saw you shoveling the snow, s New Majestic No. 1. An apealing story of a young girl's willingness to sacrifice her own happiness in order that the ambitions of her sister and parents for wealth and social prominence may be gratified has been screened in "Borrowed Clothes," a six-reel Lois Weber production, featuring dainty little Mildred Harris at New Majestic No. 1 today. The charm of the story has been enhanced by the skillful direction of Miss Weber, who has been recognized throughout America as "the Belasco of the Screen." and the piquant beauty and rare ability of Miss Harris.

Loew's Princess.

How artists live, how they love, how hey entertain themselves and a real dimpse into the typical Bohemian quar-ers of a Greenwich village, will be glimpse into the typical Bohemian quarters of a Greenwich village, will be one of the many features attending the presentation of "The Cabaret." which, with Montague Love and Miss June Elvidge in the leading roles, will be presented for Wednesday and Thursday at Loew's Princess. The story is a modern one, filled with adventure and sensations, and in addition to these two stars others, including Carlyle Blackwell. John Bowers and George McQuarrie and Muriel Ostriche, are to be seen in important parts. "Beware of Boarders," a Sennett comedy, is added. "Surely enough you did." laughed Uncle Wiggily. "Come on in the bungalow and have some carrot pie." And Mr Whitewash did and the bunny wasn't lonesome any longer. And if the spool of thread doesn't unwind the clock and strike the minute hand in the face I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and the button tree. Preparations have been completed for the appearance at the Goodwyn insti-tute Saturday afternoon of Arthur Shattuck, planist, who will be brought here under the auspices of the Mam-phis musical bureau.

Where Do We Go From Here? Go to J. H. Moriarty & Son, Tailors, it South Main St., for a dressy, per-lect fitting spring civillan suit made on the basis of fit, looks and economy adv.

ELKS ENJOY FIRST STAG PROGRAM OF NEW YEAR

More than 250 Elks and their friends made merry Tuesday hight at the Elks clubrooms on Jefferson avenue, the event being the first stag social of the year. The entertainment committee headed by Secretary J. D. Cells had provided an excellent program and several speakers toasted the club the individual members and the future. Sim L. Barinds, past exalted ruler of the local lodge, made the opening talk and called upon Phil Canale for the address of welcome. Other speakers during the course of the evening were Harry Latty, Pr. C. E. DuVall, Clarence Friedman, D. P. Phillips, of Cleveland, Bob Hildebrand and C. W. Miller. The 11 o'clock toast to departed members of the lodge was impressively spoken by Mayor F. L. Monteverde.

teverde. Vocal numbers were given by Ru-dolph Streuhl, and a dancing feature was provided by Clarence DeVoy. The affair was one of the most entertain-ing and enjoyable of recent events staged by the Ellis.

**EVERGREENS WIND UP** WITH SPLIT TICKET

Leading his ticket in the annual election of the Evergreen Improvement club at the Snowden school building Tuesday night. M. A. Whitten of the Whites, triumphed over L. Y. Kerr, of the Greens, in a clone race for president. The election resulted in a 50-50 split for the two tickets, each putting over two candidates.

It was one of the most spirited elections the club has ever held. More than 250 persons were present at the banquet. A program of stunts featured the entertainment. Speakers included Hardwig Peres, Israel Peres, L. H. Doty and Sam L. Calhoun.

Others officers elected were: Vice-president Mallory Davis (Green); secretary, W. W. Worten (Green); secretary, W. W. Worten (Green); secretary, John G. Kettlewell (White).

YANK ARMY WILL USE TWO GREAT SEA PORTS

PARIS, Feb. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—Rotterdam and Antwerp will be used as base ports for the American army of occusation. Deep draft barges selsed by the French and Belgians in the German retreat will plough the Rhine, superseding the Bordeaux route to the front by rall.

The establishment of the mew route will release between 1,500 and 2,000 freight cars for the French rallroads.

WILL AID IN "Y" WORK.

H. Homberg, field secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has been at Camp Sevier and at Nashville, has been engaged to aid association work in 12 counties of West Tennessee in co-operation with J. K. Morrison, who at present is at work in these counties, which include Shelby. Prior to his Y. M. C. A. work, Mr. Homberg was a lecturer on the Lyceum circuit. He is expected Thursday.

Try One Today. Then every day it will be a Samels Extra. 10c quality for 7c.

#### HOROSCOPE

Citations for Contempt on Old Injunctions Are Not Being Sustained. takings. Promoters and persons who or-ganize important enterprises should

H. M. Knoerr, who was jointly indicted and tried with W. R. McVey in the criminal court on a charge of violating the liquor law, and who was acquitted of the charge in that court, was called to trial in the First chancery court Wednesday on a charge of contempt of court.

It is alleged by assistant city attorneys that Knoerr violated the liquor law while engaged in business at a place on South Second street that was under injunction of the chancery court. Knoerr denies that he operated the place and that he sold or handled liquor there, and the chancellor held that his acquittal on that charge in the criminal court was sufficient proof, and hence dismissed him.

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The case of Harry Klersky, also harged with contempt of court for aving flour in a place under inpunction, was postponed on account of his ttorney, Ernest Bell, being in Nash-ille. ie.

M. Bryan, representing Nello andi, also charged with contempt, is tof the city, and that also was con-

Rags Anderson got by on the ground of insufficient proof against him. Lawrence Vaccaro, when answering his citation, maintained that the place in question was operated by his brother and not by him.

MOON MAY TELL ALL ON WHISKY BANDITS

Detectives are confident that when I. S. Moon, 21 years old, chauffeur of the alleged "booze bandit" car, some of whose occupants shot and wounded constable "Red" Perry, Saturday night, when he approached the automobile of Mallory avenue, has been quizzed at the when he approached the automobile.

Mallory avenue, has been quizzed at the office of the attorney-general, no sometimes will remain as to the identity the gun men.

Moon, who was under detention Tue.

the gun men.

Moon, who was under detention Tues day and Wednesday, was slated to appear Wedensday afternoon before a representative of the attorney-general Detectives Williams and Hagan, when the been assigned to the case, are confident one of the alleged bootleg gers was wounded by Perry, and is inding.

A. M. Chandler, alleged to have been in the car, who was apprehended as

A. M. Chandler, alleged to have been the car, who was apprehended at Coldwater, Miss., is being held at Hernando, Miss. by the authorities, who refused Tuesday night to turn him over to Detective Williams, of the Memphis police department. According to the police, Chandler is to be handled first by the Mississippi officials on charges of breaking into a railroad car.

Moon, so the detectives say, was paid \$130 by the booze bandlis for the use of his automobile and his services as chauffeur.

URGES SUPPORT OF C. OF C. PUBLICATION

A resolution urging support of the Chamber of Commerce Journal by advertisers has been adopted by the publicity division as a means of stimulating the publication's endeavors in the industrial commercial and civic welfare of the city and community. "The Journal is now beginning its second year and has proven its usefulness," says the resolution. "As the official organ of the Chamber of Commerce, it has the whole-hearted and moral support of the association."

Patronage of the Journal, the resolution sets forth, will permit its being made bigger and better and more effective at home and abroad.

John A. Osoinach, membership secretary and editor of the Journal, was complimented by the publicity division for the success the publication has attained.

THREE MEMPHIS BOYS NAMED AS CASUALTIES

Three Memphis boys are mentioned in the casualty list issued by the government Thursday.

Private Joseph E. Krouse, 651 Looney avenue, was slightly gassed in Septamber, according to word received by his relatives. His brother, Sergt Phillip Krouse, who was captured by the Germans and released after the armistice, has written he expects to restee the services to rehas written he expects to re urn home shortly.
The names of Private Ried A. Shaw. 904 Rayburn boulevard, and Privata helby A. Clay, 153 North Second treet, are also contained in the list, the former was wounded severely and helby the slightly he latter slightly.

DOCTORS TO ORGANIZE.

Siamming the door on the doctor's nose will cease to be a figurative pastime in the future, if plans now under way for the formation of a physician's business bureau are carried out Application has been made for a charter and the capitalization is fixed at \$2,000. The purpose of the bereau as set forth in the application is "to maintain an agency for the interchange of credit information." Signing the application for a charter are Drs. Otis S. Warr. Percy W. Toombes, A. G. Hudson, William T. Black, Louis LeRoy and John L. Jelks.

P. H. KELLY LOSES CAR.

Automobile thieves are more numerous in Memphis and vicinity than horse thieves possibly could ever have been even in the days of the wild and reckless West, according to reports of missing cars at the police station.

Cars reported as having been stolen before dawn Wednesday were as follows: Mrs J. J. Woods, 1149 Tutwier street; Ernest Long, Jr., 1624 Goodbar place: N. B. Partin, 1655 Galloway avenue, and Judge P. Harry Kelly, 1130 Mississippi boulevard. Mississippi boulevard

BANQUET AT CHURCH.

Fathers and sons of the First Methodist church will enjoy a get-together banquet at the church Friday evening in observance of "Father and Son" week. A special program has been provided for the affair. Efforts are being made to have as many fathers and sons as possible attend prayer meeting Wednesday night in the various churches of the city in observance of the week.

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The sun dominates today with friendly rule, according to astrology. Saturn and Uranus are strongly adverse.
This is a sway under which those who seek positions or employment of any sert should prosper. The stars presage a period of many changes in all places of business.

During this rule it is a fortunate time to bid for any aid in large undertakings. Promoters and persons who or-

benefit.

There is a sign that is read all exceedingly favorable to the president of
the United States, who will win new
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contractionary piece of plomacy. While the sun offers promise and encouragement to all who carry large responsibilities. Saturn and Uranus give warning of envyings and jealousy, unkind criticism and misunderstanding among persons who "see through a glass darkly."

lass darkly."

Deception and misrepresentation are elieved to be stimulated under this uidance of the planets, which aids incigues and conspiracies.

It is not a lucky day for beginning ourneys or for making any important hanges in the location of home or lace of business.

ace of business.

Girls are likely to be much praised in equally criticized in coming months is a result of the war. Americans will

#### Salad Jell

Lime Jiffy-Jell is fla-vored with lime-fruit essence in a vial. It makes a tart, green salad jell. Jiffy-Jell desserts are flavored with fruit-juice

essences, highly condensed, sealed in glass. Each dessert tastes like a fresh-fruit dainty -and

You will change from old-style gelatine dainties when you once try Jiffy-Jell. Millions have changed already. Order from your grocer

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ind new standards of association and CURZON SAYS NO RUSS romance, astrologers declare.
Fame is promised for a young actress who will make a strong appeal through a poetic or idealistic gift of interpreta-

a poetic or idealistic gift of interpretation.

Persons whose bithdate it is have the augury of a successful year. Those who are employed should be careful.

Children born on this day may be pate the Bolneviki.

Two cups sugar, one cup corn syrup, president of the council, said in the augury of a successful year. Those who is prepared to invade Russia to extra prepared to invade Russia to extra pate the Bolneviki.

"It would have meant a new Eurorath and adventurous, but extremely gifted and industrious.

Butter Candy.

Two cups sugar, one cup corn syrup, two tablespoons hot water, one tablespoons hour water, one tablespoons hour active tablespoons hour water, one tablespoons hour water, one tablespoon is prepared to invade Russia to extra parent and adventurous, but extremely gifted and industrious.

INVASION IS POSSIBLE

Butter Candy.

### After-the-War Problems Affect Telephone Service

While the nation was under the stress incident to winning the war, we asked our subscribers and the public to be patient with the telephone service and to limit its use as much as practicable in order that we might handle the urgent business of the nation efficiently.

Now that the armistice has been signed and hostilities have ceased, we are confronted with problems of the reconstruction period, which are equally as serious and which will require time and patience for solution.

The policy of frankness which we have practiced prompts us to make it clear that the difficulties under which we are now operating are such that it will be many months before we can bring the service back to the standard of efficiency prevailing prior to the European war.

These difficulties are the same as those confronting other business enterprises. We outline them briefly so that you may understand why your service has not become normal overnight.

More than 850 of our most skilled, trained, technical men volunteered for service in the army and a large majority of them are still in Europe. Very few of them returned, and we cannot expect the balance to return soon. Few men of this type have been available and those we are training by no means equal our demand. This shortage of experienced technical men hampers our plans for extensions to plant and in turn delays installations.

Lacking the men we are also lacking the material needed to enlarge and extend our plants. True the government's demands have practically ceased, but equipment must first be engineered, then ordered and then manufactured before it can be installed. This involves time and if prompt delivery could be made many months would elapse before we could receive equipment for imperative needs. This is a situation confronting all telephone companies and one over which we have absolutely no control.

The abnormal increase in the volume of telephone calls due to war activities created a need for a greater number of operators and we have been diligently building up an enlarged operating force. Other industries were seeking girl and women workers and the inflated wages offered for emergency work attracted some of our operators and made it increasingly difficult to secure the required number of young women.

When this situation was very well in hand last fall the Influenza epidemic played havoc with our forces and our losses from illness and death are still alarming. As a result of this combination of circumstances, the percentage of new and inexperienced operators is large and there is now a serious shortage although our training schools are graduating large classes every month.

Although our service has suffered from these causes the pubile has been considerate and we have been able to handle a heavier traffic than seemed humanly possible and have installed promptly and operated efficiently the telephone plants required by the government at army camps and other similar institutions.

The situation confronting our service is more serious than it was when fighting was in progress. The public has relaxed from its tension and is inclined to expect our service to at once assume its pre-war efficiency. We deem it our duty to make this frank statement and urge you to continue the conservation of the service which proved so helpful during the time of our nation's greatest need.

We are operating the telephone system as agents for the federal government under the supervision of the Postmaster General, and our loyal organization is making a patriotic effort to perfect the service. Your continued co-operation and encouragement will be appreciated.

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